LITERATURE AND MEDICINE

READ, READ, READ! We cannot stress enough the importance of reading.

For a premed student, reading will:
- Increase your reading speed and comprehension is to READ more (helpful for your admissions test)
- Keep you abreast of medical issues, medical advancements, policies that affect medicine, etc.

Suggested Readings:

Adams, Patch and Pamela Jacobs, Housecalls How We Can All Heal the World One Visit at a Time (176 pgs)

Arviso Alvord, Lori. The Scalpel and the Silver Bear


Becker, Howard S. et al. Boys in White: Student Culture in Medical School, 1991

Belkin, Lisa. First Do No Harm, 1993

Bickel, Janet. Women in Medicine: Getting in, Growing, and Advancing

Bosk, Charles L. Forgive and Remember: Managing Medical Failure


Brody, Howard. Stories of Sickness, 1988

Broyard, Anatole. Intoxicated by My Illness

Buckman, Robert. I Don't Know What to Say, 1989

Buckman, Robert. Not Dead Yet, 1999

Campo, Rafael. Landscape with Human Figure, 2002

Campo, Rafael. The Desire to Heal: A Doctor's Education in Empathy, Identity, and Poetry, 1998

Carson, Ben. Gifted Hands, the Ben Carson Story. 1990 (112 pgs)

Cassell, Joan. The Woman in the Surgeon's Body, 1998 (280 pgs)

Chekhov, Anton. Ward Six and Other Stories

Coles, Robert. A Robert Coles Omnibus, 1993

Coles, Robert. The Call of Service: A Witness to Idealism Reprint 1994

Colgrove, Melba, Harold Bloomfield, & Peter McWilliams, *How to Survive the Loss of a Love*

Crichton, Michael. *Five Patients: The Hospital Explained*, 1989


Daniel, Eileen. *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Health and Society*

Dans, Peter. *Doctors in the Movies: Boil the Water and Just Say Aah*

David, Hilfiker. *Not all of us are Saints*, Hill and Wang 1994 (276 pages)


Drayer, Jeff. *The Cost-Effective Use of Leeches and Other Musings of a Medical School Survivor*

Duncan, David Ewing. *Residents: The Perils and Promise of Educating Young Doctors*

Elders, Joycelyn. *From Sharecropper’s Daughter to Surgeon General of the USA*

Eliot, George. *Middlemarch*

Fadiman, Anne. *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*

Fister, Jeffrey. *The Plaque Makers*, 1994

Foley, Denise & Eileen Necha. *Unequal Treatment, What You Don’t Know About How Women are Treated by the Medical Community*

Former, Paul. *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights & the New War on the poor*

Malcom, Andrew. *Someday: The Story of a Mother and her Son*, 1992


Gage, Loretta. *If Wishes Were Horses*, 1995

Galanti, Geri-Ann. *Caring for Patients from Different Cultures: Case Studies from American Hospitals*

Garrett, Susan. *Taking Care of Our Own: A Year in the Life of a Small Hospital*, 1995


Gerber, Lane. *Married to their Careers: Career and Family Dilemmas in Doctors’ Lives*, 1983

Gevitz, Norman. *Other Healers: Unorthodox Medicine in America*, 1988


Gorovitz, Samuel. *Doctors' Dilemmas*


Harvey, James. *Young American Health Quackery: Collected Essays*


Herzig, Karen. *What I Learned in Medical School: Personal Stories of Young Doctors* (Students' struggles with their education) (230 pgs)


Hilfiker, David. *Healing the Wounds: A Physician Looks at his Work*, 1988

Humes, Edward. *Baby ER, The Heroic Doctors and Nurses Who Perform Medicine's Tiniest Miracles* (Humes is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize)


Iserson, M.D., Ken. *Demon Doctors: Physicians as Serial Killers*

Jinks, Martin. *Health Care Systems Around the World: Characteristics, Issues, Reforms*


Karesh, William. *Appointment at the Ends of the World, a memoir*

Kaysen, Susanna. *Girl Interrupted*, 1993 (167 pages)

Klass, Perri. *A Not Entirely Benign Procedure*, 1988 (288 pgs)

Klass, Perri. *Baby Doctor*, 1993

Klawans, Harold. *Toscanini's Fumble and Other Tales of Clinical Neurology* (229 pgs)

Kleinman, Arthur. *The Illness Narratives*

Konner, M.D., Melvin. *Becoming a Doctor: A Journey of Initiation in Medical School*

Lapierre, Dominique. *Beyond Love*

Laster, M.D. Leonard. *Life After Medical School, Thirty-two Doctors Describe How They Shaped Their Medical Careers*

LeBaron, Charles. *Gentle Vengeance* (272 pgs)

Lerner Rothman, Ellen. *White Coat: Becoming a Doctor at Harvard Medical*, 1999 (352 pgs)

Lewis, Sinclair. *Arrowsmith*
Lightman, Alan. *The Diagnosis*, 2000


Ludmerer, Kenneth. *Time to Heal* (544 pgs)

Lundberg, George D. *Severed Trust: Why American Medicine Hasn’t Been Fixed—and What We Can Do About It*


Marion, Robert. *The Intern Blues*

Marshall, Catherine. *Christy*

Martin, Emily. *Flexible Bodies: Tracking Immunity in American Culture from the Days of Polio to the Age of AIDS*, 1994


Miller, Judith. *Germs: Biological Weapons and America’s Secret War*


Mullan, Fitzhugh. *Big Doctoring in America: Profiles in Primary Care, 2002* A collection of 15 oral histories from primary care practitioners (12 physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistant and NP-PA) across the country


Nielsen MD, Jerri. *Ice Bound: A Doctor’s Incredible Battle for Survival at the South Pole* (377 pgs)

Nuland, Sherwin B. *Doctors*

Nuland, Sherwin B. *How We Die*

Nuland, Sherwin B. *Lost in America: a Journey with My Father* (244 pgs)

Nuland, Sherwin B. *The Biography of Medicine*


Ofri, Danielle. *Singular Intimacies: Becoming a Doctor at Bellevue*

Oz, Mehmet et al, *Healing from the Heart, the Power of Complementary Medicine*, 1998

Pence, Gregory E. *Classic Cases in Medical Ethics: Accounts of Cases that Have Shaped Medical Ethics with Philosophical, Legal, and Historical Background*

Preston, Richard. *The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story*

Radner, Gilda. *It's Always Something*, 1990

Remen, Rachel Naomi. *Kitchen Table Wisdom*

Rosenbaum, Edward. *A Taste of My Own Medicine* (When the Doctor is the Patient), 1988


Sacks, Oliver. *A Leg to Stand On*, 1984 (224 pages)

Sacks, Oliver. *Awakenings*

Sacks, Oliver. *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for A Hat: And Other Clinical Tales* (256 pgs)

Sacks, Oliver. *Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood* (352 pgs)

Salmon, J. Warren editor, *The Corporate Transformation of Health Care: Perspectives and Implications*

Savett, Laurence A. *The Human Side of Medicine: Learning What It's Like to be a Patient and What It's Like to be a Physician* (ISBN 0-86569-319-6)


Schweitzer, Albert. *Out of My Life and Thought* (296 pages)

Selzer, Richard. *Letters to a Young Doctor*, 1982 (205 pages)

Shem, Samuel. *House of God*


Spiro, Howard et al. (eds.): *Empathy and the Practice of Medicine, Beyond the Pill and Scapel*, 1993

Starr, Paul. *The Social Transformation of American Medicine*

Irvine Loudon, Editor, *Western Medicine, an Illustrated History*, 1997

Stone, Jim. *In the Country of Hearts: Journeys in the Art of Medicine*, 1992


Syahn, David. (Editor), *MD from writings collected by Alan Kozak, MD, Let Me Listen to Your Heart* (a compilation of remarkably moving writings by third year medical students)

Thomas, Lewis. *The Youngest Science: Notes of a Medicine-Watcher*
Vergheze, Abraham. *My Own Country: A Doctor’s Story* (448 pages)


Williams, Carlos. *The Doctor Stories*, 1984 (142 pages)

Young, Harvey. *The Medical Messiahs, a Social History of Health Quackery in Twentieth-Century America*, 1967

Zazove, Philip. *When the Phone Rings, My Bed Shakes: Memoirs of a Deaf Doctor*, 1993

**Recommended Periodicals:**

*The New York Times* (particularly the Tuesday and Sunday editions)

*The Wall Street Journal*

*American Medical News*

*The New Physician* (a magazine published by AMSA)

*Scientific American*

*Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA)

*The New England Journal of Medicine* (weekly journal)

*Journal of the American Academy of Optometry for optometry*